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In re Application of  
Saverio Carl Falco, et al.  
Application No. 09/049,304  
Filed: March 27, 1998  
Attorney Docket No. BB-1037-F

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 12, 2001, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-cited application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply to the non-final Office action mailed August 29, 2000, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of one (1) month. In the Office action, the examiner noted that Claims 1 through 20 of the above-cited application were pending and subject to a restriction or election requirement. No extension of time for reply available to petitioner under 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. The application, therefore, became abandoned on September 30, 2000. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on April 10, 2001.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 1600 for consideration of the "Response" filed on April 12, 2001.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kenya A. McLaughlin, Petitions Attorney, at (703) 305-0010.

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